

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-16-19

Issued at Juneau, Alaska
October 21, 2019

Effective Date: October 22, 2019

Expiration Date: 30 June 2020
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order).

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident moose hunting seasons in the portion of Game Management Unit 5A west of the Dangerous River. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 5(A):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 5(A), except Nunatak Bench; that portion west of the Dangerous River	Oct 15 – Oct 22	Oct 15 – Oct 22

One bull by registration permit only

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All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of Unit 5A are not affected by this emergency order.

Douglas Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:
Roy Churchwell
Area Manager



JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game set the 2019 harvest objective at 30 bull moose for the portion of the Yakutat Forelands west of the Dangerous River. As of Monday afternoon, October 21, 2019, 29 bulls have been harvested. Hunter effort could increase with the opening of the state season on federal lands and harvest could well exceed the harvest quota if the season is allowed to continue more than a day into the state moose season.

Due to poor survey conditions, the last time a moose survey was conducted for the Yakutat Forelands was 2015. The December 2015 survey found 16 bulls:100 cow moose which is below the Yakutat area management objective of 25 bulls:100 cows. Because the December 2015 survey took place at a time when bulls begin to shed antlers and some bulls may have been misclassified as cows, the bull:cow ratio for that survey is conservative. However, to ensure an adequate number of bulls are available to breed all cows, the growth of this population and future harvest opportunity, we believe it is important to not exceed the harvest objective of 30 bulls.

This Emergency Order (01-16-19) closes the state moose hunting season in this area on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @ 11:59 pm. The United States Forest Service has also issued a news release closing the federal moose hunting season in this area, effective October 22, 2019 @ 11:59 pm.

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